

The CASE of JOSIAH PRIMATT, and ANNE his Wife,  
Sister and Heir of JOHN HULSE of Northall in the County of  
Middl<sup>x</sup> Esq; deceased; and of LETTICE his daughter, also  
deceased.



That John Hulse being seized in fee of the Mannor of Northall and Rislip in the Countie of Middl<sup>x</sup>, of the yearly value of 500 l. in the 22 year of the late King settled the same to the use of himself and wife for life; and after their decease, to the issue of the body of the said John in Tail; and for default of such issue, to his right heirs for ever.

Which said John Hulse, not long after died, leaving issue Lettice his onely daughter and heir, whom one Charles Good of Surrey, Gent. by unhandfom practises with her maid-servant, and secret meetings at a neighbours house, about Novemb. 1664. inveigled and seduced from her Mother and Guardian, and married her without her consent.

That her mother and the next heir apparent having just cause to surmise that the said Charles Good had some further designe to supplant her of her inheritance, by procuring a Fine in deceit of the Court of Common Pleas, she being a minor, did upon the mothers Affidavit, and by motion, acquaint the said Court the same Novemb. of the aforesaid Marriage, and that the said Lettice was but 18 years of age the 23 of June then last past: And prayed the Court to take notice of her minority, thereby to prevent the same. Who did thereupon make the Rule annexed.

Which Rule of Court was left with Mr Nurse, Clerk of the Kings silver Office, the same Term; it being the most principal Office to prevent any Fine that should pass.

Notwithstanding all which, and the said Charles Good knowing of the said Order of Court, and of his wifes minority, in May 1665, plotting with Arthur Trevor Esq; the said Good's Counsel (who likewise knew his wife to be an infant) by some false pretences and circumventions caused the said Lettice to joyn with him in a Deed to levie a Fine to the heirs of the survivor of the said Charles & Lettice his wife, in case there should be no issue living of their two bodies. In the declaration of which uses, and Deed thereof, (if the Deed was not forged) the said Lettice was manifestly surprised: and thereupon the said Charles Good in Trinity-Term 1665, upon a false suggestion that the said Lettice was sick, and not able to come to London, procured a *Dedimus potestatem*, directed to persons procured for that purpose, viz. Capt. William Frampton, and Capt. Tho. Salisbury, Souldiers, and ignorant persons in such affairs, (as they pretend themselves) who did the same Term, after a clandestine manner, the Court of Common Pleas sitting at Westminster, take her acknowledgement of the said Fine in the said Trevor's chamber in the Inner Temple, never examining her as to her age.

That the said Good, the better to colour his aforesaid practises against the said Lettice, did make Dr. Braborne Conusee of the said Fine, and party to the Deed leading the uses thereof; who never knew any thing thereof, nor did ever seal any Counterpart of such Deed.

That Sir Tho. Tyrrel Knight, one of the Justices of the said Court, and present at the making of the said Rule, did notwithstanding the said Notice and Rule, give an allowance for passing the said Fine.

That the said Good, or his agents, shortly after, in the height of the Pestilence, did prevail with the Clerk for entering the Kings Silver, or some of his Deputies, (with whom the said Rule was left as aforesaid) to enter the Kings Silver for the said Fine; whereby the said Fine became a Fine of Record, without any notice given to the Petitioner, being next heir of the said Job. Hulse, and the said Lettice, who so little understood the said Charles Good's designe, and operation of the said Fine, as she was heard to say about 20 days before her death, which happened Aug. 7. 1667, *That she would be drawn apieces with wild horses, before she would settle the same from her fathers heirs and relations.*

That the said Charles Good doth by vertue of the aforesaid Deed and Fine, obtained as aforesaid, claim the inheritahce of the said estate.

That the heirs at Law in Michaelmas-Term following, being the next Term after the death of the said Lettice, applied themselves to the Right Honourable the Lord Keeper, then Chief Justice of the said Court at the making of the said Rule, and acquainted him with the said Good's practises in procuring the said Fine. He well remembring the said Rule, did forthwith recommend the examination of the said undue practises to the said Court of Common Pleas: Who did the same Term, and in Hillary-Term after, examine the same accordingly; but could not (as they declared) vacate the said Fine, notwithstanding the same were so indirectly obtained as aforesaid, and against the Rules of the Statute and Common Law, and against the expresse Order of the Court in this case provided; and that the same was proper to be vacated by Parliament. But the Court being satisfied that the said Good, knowing of his wifes infancie, and of the Rule of Court prohibiting the same, before he attempted the procuring of the said Fine, and so did procure the same in contempt and deceit of the Court; for which they on Febr. 7. 1668 committed him to the Prison of the Fleet, and fined him.

That the right heirs are, by the said fraud and illegal practises in procuring the said Fine, like to be disinherited of the just rights of the said Anne, if they shall not be relieved by the justice of Parliament; the said Good claiming the said Land by colour of the said Fine.

Robinsons Office.

Mich. Term, 17 Car. Regis secun.

11. Nov. 16.

Charles Good Esq; and Lettice his wife, concerning levying a Fine of the Mannour of Northall in the County of Middlesex, or of any Lands or Tenements in the same County.

**U**Pon the Affidavit of Elisabeth Eyres, late Wife and Relict of John Hulle, and now Wife of Christopher Eyres Esq; That the said Lettice, Daughter of the said John and Elizabeth. the 23 day of June last past was 18 years of age, and no more; That the said Mannor, with divers Tenements in Northall aforesaid, after the death of the said Elizabeth, ought to descend to the said Lettice, as Daughter and Heir of the said John Hulle; That the said Lettice, without the knowledge or consent of the said Elizabeth her Guardian, is lately married to the said Charles: **IT IS ORDERED** by the Court, that there shall not be received or entered in any Office of this Court any Acknowledgement by the said Lettice, for levying any Fine of the said Mannor, or any Tenements of Inheritance, which were the aforesaid Johns, made or to be made during the Minority of the said Lettice; and that notice of this Rule, by leaving a Copie thereof, be given to the Clerk for entering the Kings Silver in Court, to the Chirographer, and Curfitor, in the greater Caution.

By the Court of Common Pleas.

Josiah Primatt, and  
Anne his wife, &c.

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